

House District 9 Representative

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OCCUPATION: Attorney

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ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Rabbit Creek, 21 years

EDUCATION:
Cherry Hill High School East, NJ
B.A. Boston University
M.A. Washington University at St. Louis, MO
J.D. Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Clerk for Higginbotham, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
White House, Office of Presidential Personnel
National Labor Relations Board

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Lecturer in Philosophy, Washington University at St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
Lecturer in Philosophy, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA
Attorney, Washington, D.C., private practice
See above.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
D.C. Bar
PA Bar (retired)
American Association for the Advancement of Science

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Photography, Philosophy, History, Politics, Law, Science, Literature, Economics

STATEMENT:
When I first came to Alaska, my uncle took me for a drive on an isolated highway during an especially cold day. He told me that the character of Alaskans is such that there is a standing rule: if somebody was walking along an isolated road as this, you had to pick them up because otherwise, they could freeze to death. Alaskans once cared for one another regardless of political affiliation or beliefs. Whether our outlook is conservative, moderate, or progressive, we all have a vested interest in finding common ground on issues important to Alaskans so that we can move the state forward.

As the National Labor Board's Resident Attorney for Alaska, I bring a unique perspective as a candidate. I have seen how the economy works from both a labor and management standpoint, which has provided me insight into how the economy works and how it impacts Alaskans.

We have a chance to bring our infrastructure into the 21st century. We can modernize the Port of Alaska and provide for affordable high-speed internet. We have the opportunity to invest in Alaskans by expanding apprenticeships and other vocational education opportunities, working to make health care and housing affordable, and reforming Alaska's benefits and pension systems to keep our talent here.

Alaska has benefited in the past when we came together to find solutions to important challenges we faced such as after the 1964 and 2018 earthquakes, and I believe we can do so again.

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